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### Attachment

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted 2/17/04 has not been considered because said IDS, which was submitted after allowance of the application, did not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1)(2). Specifically, the IDS was not accompanied by a certification, petition and fee. The IDS filed 2/17/04 has been placed in the file but has not been considered.

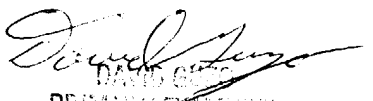
Applicants also submitted a letter, received 2/12/04, inquiring as to whether a terminal disclaimer over claims in the 08/459,713 (now US Patent 6,740,320) application was necessary for patentability of the present case. In response the examiner notes that a terminal disclaimer over the 08/459,713 application is not necessary.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Guzo, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0767. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Irem Yucel, Ph.D., can be reached on (571) 272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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